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Title	: DEVICE AND METHOD FOR PROTECTING AGAINST OXIDATION OF A CONDUCTIVE LAYER IN SAID DEVICE		

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Sir:

Please amend the above-captioned patent application as follows:

**In the Claims:**

Please cancel claims 79 and 80.

Please amend claims 43, 76, and 78 as follows:

43. (Thrice Amended) A method of passivating a multilayer conductive structure, comprising:

layering a first conductive material;  
introducing said first conductive material to a material selected from the group consisting of diborane, phosphine, methylsilane, and hexamethyldisilane;

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